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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6210

INFO SECDEF

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

USDAO MAP AMMAN

TREASURY DEPT WASHDC

USCINCEUR

CSA WASHDC

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SUBJECT: APC'S FOR JORDAN

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1. WE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN SALE OF M113'S TO JORDAN NOT YET COMPLETED, AS KHAMMASH TOLD US (REFTEL) ORDER ALREADY HAD BEEN PLACED, PRESUMABLY ON CASH BASIS, AND NOW WOULD BE SHIFTED TO SOME FORM OF FINANCING FROM SHEIK ZAYID'S TREASURY. APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT.

2. AS YOU KNOW, KHAMMASH ALSO TOLD US THAT UAE'S AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, MAHDI TAJIR, WILL HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS OF FINANCING. UAE EMBASSY TOLD US TODAY THAT TAJIR WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY FOR NEXT 7-10 DAYS (REPORTEDLY IN DUBAI). EMBOFFS THEREFORE UNABLE SOUND HIM OUT ON VENUE FOR TALKS DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. IF DESIRED, EMBASSY KUWAIT OR ABU DHABI MIGHT BE ABLE CONTACT TAJIR TO LEARN HIS DESIRES RE FINANCIAL TALKS. PERHAPS TAJIR WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY VISIT WASHINGTON, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH DSAA COULD PROVIDE
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